Listing of Claims

Applicants request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office enter the following amendments to claims 1, 10, 11, 17, 18, 20, 22, 30, 31, 35 and 36, enter the following new claims 38-53, and consider the following remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of all presently pending claims is respectfully requested.

No Admission. The listed claims are labeled pursuant to the request of the Patent Office for convenience in examination. Reference to a claim as "Currently Amended" is not an admission that the claim was altered for any reason related to patentability. No claim has been amended for any reason related to patentability.

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended): A database in a computer system linked to a network and configured to store client data, the computer system having one or more ~~processors,~~ processors and one or more storage devices coupled to the one or more processors, ~~processor, the storage device having stored the database system,~~ the database comprising:

one or more virtual data islands partitioned inside the database, each virtual data island storing client data for a specific client engaged in ~~a~~ fundraising ~~campaign~~, the client data containing one or more constituent records, the one or more constituent records including information about individuals, the information stored in a plurality of fields, wherein each individual is assigned a unique identifier ~~(CR)~~;

a data pool having ~~selected~~ data from ~~the~~ one or more constituent records stored in the one or more virtual data islands ~~CRs~~;

~~a master island containing a compilation of the fields in the one or more virtual data islands;~~

a linking table including a compilation of unique identifiers of ~~the~~ individuals whose records are in the one or more virtual data islands; ~~wherein the results of the analysis are used in fundraising campaigns;~~ and

one or more program ~~code~~ codes for analyzing the selected data in the data pool, wherein results of the analysis are useable by the clients for fundraising.

2-4. (Cancelled).

5. (Original): The database as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.

6. (Original): The database as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a wide area network.

7. (Original): The database as recited in claim 1, wherein the client is a nonprofit organization (NPO).

8. (Original): The database as recited in claim 1, wherein the client is a person.

9. (Original): The database as recited in claim 1, wherein the results of the analysis are used to identify potential donors likely to donate to one or more charities.

10. (Currently Amended): The database as recited in claim 1, further comprising an opt-in field indicating whether ~~or not~~ a client has elected to share data~~is participating in a data-sharing scheme~~.

11. (Currently Amended): The database as recited in claim 1, further comprising a program code configured for statistical analysis of the selected data in the data pool.

12. (Original): The database as recited in claim 9, further comprising program codes for determining a probability of a charitable donation by an individual donor.

13. (Original): The database as recited in claim 10, wherein the opt-in field is set and updated with write-access to the field.

14. (Original): The database as recited claim 10, wherein the opt-in field accepts a multi-valued variable, each value corresponding to a data-sharing scheme.

15. (Original): The database as recited in claim 14, wherein the multi-valued variable allows clients to share data with others in different manners.

16. (Original): The database as recited in claim 1, further comprising means for automatically updating fields in a virtual data island if corresponding fields in other virtual data islands are updated.

17. (Currently Amended): The database as recited in claim 16, further comprising means for automatic notification of an update option, wherein when a field ~~fields~~ in one client's virtual data island is updated, a notification is sent to other participating clients that have a corresponding field.

18. (Currently Amended): The database as recited in claim 1, further comprising means for login access for donors to the individual constituent ~~donor~~ records in the virtual data islands, wherein the donors access their records and conduct financial transactions online.

19. (Original): The database as recited in claim 1, wherein the client is a political organization.

20. (Currently Amended): The database as recited in claim 1, further comprising a common unique identifier shared by ~~the~~ individual constituent ~~donor~~ records across the virtual data islands.

21. (Original): The database as recited in claim 1, further comprising an opt-out field that indicates the data the client does not wish to share.

22. (Currently Amended): A method for analyzing a database residing in a computer system linked to a network, the computer system having one or more ~~processors,~~ processors and one or more storage devices coupled to the one or more processors, comprising:

creating one or more virtual data islands partitioned inside the database, each virtual data island storing client data for a specific client engaged in ~~a~~ fundraising ~~campaign~~, the client data containing one or more constituent records, the one or more constituent records including information about individuals, the information stored in a plurality of fields, wherein each individual is assigned a unique identifier ~~(CR)~~;

creating a data pool having selected data from the one or more constituent records stored in the one or more virtual data islands ~~CRs~~;

creating a master island containing a compilation of the fields in the one or more virtual data islands;

creating a linking table including a compilation of unique identifiers of ~~the~~ individuals whose records are in the one or more virtual data islands; ~~wherein using the results of the analysis in fundraising campaigns;~~ and

analyzing the selected data in the data pool, wherein results of the analysis are useable by the clients for fundraising.

23-25. (Cancelled).

26. (Original): The method as recited in claim 22, wherein the network is the Internet.

27. (Original): The method as recited in claim 22, wherein the network is a wide area network.

28. (Original): The method as recited in claim 22, further comprising identifying potential donors from the results of the analysis.

29. (Original): The method as recited in claim 22, further comprising determining, from the results of the analysis, a probability of a charitable donation by an individual donor.

30. (Currently Amended): The method as recited in claim 22, further comprising;

accessing individual constituent ~~donor~~ records online; and

conducting financial transactions.

31. (Currently Amended): The method as recited in claim 30, wherein the financial transactions include ~~transaction includes~~ making a donation to one or more organizations.

32. (Original): The method as recited in claim 22, wherein the client is a nonprofit organization (NPO).

33. (Original): The method as recited in claim 22, wherein the client is a charitable organization.

34. (Original): The method as recited in claim 22, wherein the client is a political organization.

35. (Currently Amended): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method for analyzing a database residing in a computer system linked to a network, the computer system having one or more ~~processors,~~ processors and one or more storage devices coupled to the one or more processors, comprising:

creating one or more virtual data islands partitioned inside the database, each virtual data island storing client data for a specific client engaged in ~~a~~ fundraising ~~campaign~~, the client data

containing one or more constituent records, the one or more constituent records including information about individuals, the information stored in a plurality of fields, wherein each individual is assigned a unique identifier ~~(CR)~~;

creating a data pool having ~~selected~~ data from ~~the~~ one or more constituent records stored in the one or more virtual data islands ~~CRs~~;

creating a master island containing a compilation of the fields in the one or more virtual data islands;

creating a linking table including a compilation of unique identifiers of ~~the~~ individuals whose records are in the one or more virtual data islands; and

analyzing ~~the~~ data in the data pool.

36. (Currently Amended): A method for creating a database residing in a computer system linked to a network, the computer system having one or more ~~processors,~~ processors and one or more storage devices coupled to the one or more processors, comprising;

creating one or more virtual data islands partitioned inside the database, each virtual data island storing client data for a specific client engaged in a fundraising campaign, the client data containing one or more constituent records, the one or more constituent records including information about individuals, the information stored in a plurality of fields, wherein each individual is assigned a unique identifier ~~(CR)~~;

creating a master island containing a compilation of the fields in the one or more virtual data islands;

creating a linking table including a compilation of unique identifiers of ~~the~~ individuals whose records are in the one or more virtual data islands; and

creating a data pool having ~~selected~~ data from ~~the~~ one or more constituent records stored in the one or more virtual data islands. ~~CRs';~~

37. (Previously Presented): The database as recited in claim 1, wherein the client is a charitable organization.

38. (New): A system for storing and sharing client data, the system comprising:

a database;

a plurality of virtual data islands partitioned inside the database, each of the virtual data islands storing client data for a specific client engaged in one or more fundraising campaigns, the client data including one or more constituent records, the one or more constituent records including information about individuals, the information stored in a plurality of fields;

a data pool having data from one or more of the constituent records stored in the one or more virtual data islands; and

at least one program code for analyzing data in the data pool, wherein results of the analysis are shared with clients who have data in the data pool.

39. (New): The system as recited in claim 38, wherein each individual is assigned a unique identifier, the system further comprising a linking table including a compilation of unique identifiers of individuals whose constituent records are stored in the one or more virtual data islands.

40. (New): The system as recited in claim 38, further comprising a master island residing in the database and containing a compilation of the fields in the one or more virtual data islands.

41. (New): The system as recited in claim 38, further comprising means for allowing a client to update constituent records stored in their virtual data island.

42. (New): The system as recited in claim 41, further comprising means for automatically updating a field in a virtual data island.

43. (New): The system as recited in claim 38, wherein each virtual data island includes an opt-in field indicating whether a client has elected to share data.

44. (New): The system as recited in claim 43, wherein if the client has elected to share data, data from constituents records in the client's virtual data island are stored in the data pool and the client has access to the results of the analysis of data in the data pool.

45. (New): A method of storing and sharing client data comprising:

providing a database;

partitioning the database into a plurality of virtual data islands, each of the virtual data islands storing client data for a specific client engaged in one or more fundraising campaigns, the client data including one or more constituent records, the one or more constituent records including information about individuals, the information stored in a plurality of fields;

creating a data pool having data from one or more of the constituent records stored in the one or more virtual data islands; and

analyzing data in the data pool, wherein results of the analysis are shared with clients who have data in the data pool.

46. (New): The method as recited in claim 45, wherein each individual is assigned a unique identifier, the method further comprising creating a linking table including a compilation of unique identifiers of individuals whose constituent records are stored in the one or more virtual data islands.

47. (New): The system as recited in claim 45, further comprising creating a master island residing in the database, the master island containing a compilation of the fields in the one or more virtual data islands.

48. (New): The system as recited in claim 45, further comprising allowing a client to update constituent records stored in their virtual data island.

49. (New): The system as recited in claim 48, further comprising automatically updating a field in a virtual data island if the corresponding field in one or more other virtual data islands is updated.

50. (New): The system as recited in claim 45, wherein each virtual data island includes an opt-in field indicating whether a client has elected to share data.

51. (New): The system as recited in claim 50, wherein if the client has elected to share data, data from constituent records in the client's virtual data island are stored in the data pool and the client has access to the results of the analysis of data in the data pool.

52. (New): The database as recited in claim 10, wherein if the client has elected to share data, data from constituent records in the client's virtual data island are stored in the data pool and the client has access to the results of the analysis of data in the data pool.

53. (New): The database as recited in claim 1, further comprising a master island containing a compilation of the fields in the one or more virtual data islands.